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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

G 01 N 21/47 G 01 N 21/41 G 01 N 21/63 G 01 N 21/21 G 01 N 15/06
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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC: G 01 N 21/21, 21/41, 21/47, 21/63, 15/06

USPC: 356/317, 356/318, 356/491, 356/517; 73/23.2

ECLA: G 01 N 21/53A, G 01 N 21/63H

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic database(s) consulted during the international search (name of database(s) and, where practicable, search terms used)

Canadian Patent Database, USPTO West, Questel-Orbit (Cluster = Patents; Pluspat), JPO IPDL, Inspec

Keywords: "laser", "pump", "probe"; stems of "refraction", "scattering", "polarisation"

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No(s).
Y	DE 19646947 (RENK et al.) 14 May 1998 (14-05-1998) ABSTRACT; Fig. 1	1-3,12,14,17,20
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